

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 888
By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sondra Clark of Nashville upon being named a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Sondra Clark, an esteemed resident of Nashville and sophomore at Christ Presbyterian Academy, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the eleventh annual Prudential Sprit of Awards program, which recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary public service, Sondra was recognized as a Distinguished Finalist and one of this State's most committed youth volunteers in the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in an effort to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clark, a member volunteer of Hands On Nashville, won this recognition by raising funds to enable impoverished children in other countries to attend school; Sondra also collects donations of toiletries, crafts, and school supplies for needy African children and speaks to schools and civic groups about volunteering and sponsoring children in developing countries; and

WHEREAS, as a Distinguished Finalist, Sondra will receive an engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Sondra Clark epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Sondra Clark who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Sondra Clark on being selected as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.